**Potential home sites program**  
**Response given to The Australian Financial Review**

1) In regards to the Potential Home Sites Program, why were the first 12 sites excluded from further consideration?

2) When will the final recommendations be made about the sites that will proceed?

3) On what basis is infrastructure being funded to the sites that will proceed?

**Department of Planning and Infrastructure response:**

1) Twelve of the landowner nominated sites were found to either have inadequate information or were not relevant to the review and no further assessment will be undertaken on them under the current process.

   Of these 12, 10 were less than 100 hectares in size and two sites were not primarily for housing.

2) A detailed assessment is being undertaken of the remaining 31 sites to determine each site’s ability to deliver housing in the short to medium term.

   The relevant councils were asked to provide submissions, outlining their assessment of the suitability of each site. These submissions are being considered as part of the Government’s assessment.

   The sites are in the local government areas of Camden (four sites), Campbelltown (three), Clarence Valley (one), Hawkesbury (one), Hornsby (one), Liverpool (one), Penrith (five), Port Stephens (one), Sutherland (two), The Hills (two), Wollondilly (nine) and Wyong (one).

   An inter-departmental working group will forward its recommendations to the Government’s Chief Executive Officers’ Review Committee in the near future. The Review Committee is chaired by the Director-General of the Department of Premier and Cabinet and includes the heads of the Planning and Infrastructure, Finance and Services, and Treasury agencies.

   Final recommendations will then be forwarded to Cabinet for its consideration.

3) One of the key factors being assessed is the ability of sites to be developed with the necessary infrastructure and services for new communities in a timely and efficient manner at no additional cost to Government.

   This includes the willingness and capacity of each landowner to finance planning and infrastructure associated with housing delivery.

   The Government is also considering the availability of enabling infrastructure, capacity of regional transport networks and accessibility of human services.